



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 189

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AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) If the Commissioner of
2 Motor Vehicles issues a motor vehicle operator's license, in accordance
3 with the provisions of section 14-36 of the general statutes, or an
4 identity card, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-1h of the
5 general statutes, to any person who is a resident of this state and not a
6 citizen of the United States and whose presence in the United States is,
7 pursuant to any provision of federal law, of limited duration, the
8 commissioner shall, unless the person presents evidence satisfactory to
9 the commissioner that the person has a pending application for change
10 or extension of the authority of the person to be present in the United
11 States under federal law, restrict the validity of such motor vehicle
12 operator's license or identity card to a term limited to coincide with the
13 period of such person's lawful presence in the United States. Any
14 person who has been issued a motor vehicle operator's license or
15 identity card for a term limited under this section and who has been
16 granted an extension of stay or has obtained permanent resident
17 status, may request to be issued another motor vehicle operator's
18 license or identity card bearing a new expiration date. On receipt of
19 such a request, presentation of evidence satisfactory to the

20 commissioner of an extension of stay or permanent resident status and
 21 surrender of the license or identity card that has been issued, the
 22 commissioner shall issue to the person another motor vehicle
 23 operator's license or identity card bearing a new expiration date. The
 24 fee for a motor vehicle operator's license issued for a limited term shall
 25 be determined in accordance with subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the
 26 general statutes.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Before issuing a commercial
 28 driver's license to an applicant, in accordance with the provisions of
 29 section 14-44c of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
 30 Vehicles shall require the applicant to submit evidence satisfactory to
 31 the commissioner that the applicant is a lawful resident of this state. As
 32 used in this section, "lawful resident" means a resident of this state
 33 who is a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident alien or a
 34 temporary resident alien authorized to work in the United States for a
 35 period of not less than one year from the date of application for a
 36 commercial driver's license.

37 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Commissioner of Motor
 38 Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the
 39 general statutes, to implement the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this
 40 act. The regulations shall require the conduct of regular training
 41 sessions for the staff of the Department of Motor Vehicles with regard
 42 to the recognition and verification of documents evidencing
 43 employment authorization and lawful presence in the United States.

44 (b) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner made
 45 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 or 2 of this act shall be afforded
 46 an opportunity for an administrative hearing which shall be conducted
 47 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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